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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 38 as follows:

38. (Amended) A multiple function apparatus, comprising:

a first transporting guide including a straight guide part and a deflecting guide part, said straight guide part being formed so as to transport a first sheet straight and is open at one end, and said deflecting guide part being connected to said straight guide part at a side opposite said one end so as to transport a first sheet in a direction different from a direction of transport effected by said straight guide part;

a first apparatus provided at said deflecting guide part, and performing processing for